Policy in the matter of detaining Police Constables and Head Constables in the same jurisdiction.

250. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to state:

(i) whether the Police Department has adopted any policy in the matter of detaining Constables and Head Constables in the jurisdiction of the same Police station for a number of years;

(ii) if the answer is in the affirmative, the number of years allowed for a Constable or a Head Constable to be detained in the jurisdiction of a particular station;

(*b*) to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Constables and Head Constables separately who secured service of more than 3 years within the same Police station without much break; and

(*c*) to state whether the Head Constables and Constables attached to certain Police stations have been showing desire to continue in the same place for any number of years?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) (i) Yes.

(ii) Generally speaking no change should be made until an officer has passed three years at a station and no officer should be kept at a station for more than five years except for special reasons. Except with the sanction of the Inspector-General of Police no Constable should be kept at the same station for over seven years.

(*b*) Head Constables 8.

Constables 124.

(*c*) Yes, generally.

Transfer of Police subordinates from their native places.

251. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the present Inspector-General of Police has taken any policy of transferring the Police subordinates from their native places; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the policy with the reasons underlying it?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A series of complaints of unlawful interference by Policemen working in their native places were received and during inquiry the fact that the Policeman was a native and had very undesirable contacts and bias came out prominently and instructions were issued to District Superintendents of Police to see that men are not posted to their native places and that those serving in such stations are gradually moved out.

The duties of the Police are such that it would be extremely undesirable and unhealthy to have men working in areas where their proprietory interests and intimate relatives and friends are. Affairs concerning them were frequently coming up before them in their official capacity.

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Inspectors have found it difficult to control such men nor were they often available for duties and were quite often employing themselves in other than Police work. Instances of misconduct alleged and found true after enquiry were sufficiently serious to demand immediate attention to root out the evil.

This is a principle well-known and has been the guiding rule in the adjacent Province where Inspectors are not posted even in their districts.

Transfer of Police subordinates to their native places.

252. *MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a circular issued by the Inspector-General of Police to the effect that the subordinates of the Police Department should not be posted to their native places; and

(*b*) whether such a policy is now in force?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Investigation of cases by the Police.

253. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that an undesirable practice on the part of the Police is on the increase of requiring the aggrieved parties to provide special cars for their conveyance for the investigation of important matters which it is the duty of the Police to investigate of their own accord?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: No. If such cases are brought to the notice of Government disciplinary measures will be taken.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Insdector-General of Police believe me if I say that such a practice actually exists?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: I will believe and shall take the necessary action.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. This kind of statement will not do. If the honourable member mentions any name I will order investigation immediately.

Complaints against certain Constables at Kumarakom.

254. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Inspector General of Police in his circuit at Kottayam some time in the beginning of Edavom or at the end of Medom received complaint personally that certain Constables at Kumarakom got themselves drunk and assaulted persons on the street;

(*b*) if so, whether he had taken any action on the complaint; and

(*c*) if any action was taken, the nature of the action?

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